

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2246 - SB 2263

February 1, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 5, by adding a new part that requires the Department of Transportation to minimize noise impact from highway traffic in certain noise sensitive areas.
- Defines the following building establishments as noise-sensitive areas if such establishments have received a valid building permit at the time the department conducts a noise analysis: residences, schools, churches, hospitals, libraries, and assisted living facilities including those that are part of a continuum of care campus.
- Highway traffic noise impacts occur when predicted noise levels equal or exceed the federal highway administration's noise abatement criteria.
- Requires the department to take highway traffic noise impacts into consideration during the planning, location, design and construction phases of highway project developments.
- Requires the department of transportation to take reasonable and feasible noise abatement measures, when predicted noise levels equals or exceed the federal highway administration's noise abatement criteria.
- Requires public input regarding proposed noise abatement measures to be solicited and received before the final design of a highway, road or bridge project.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$3,000,000 / Highway Fund

Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation, the cost to erect noise barriers for all noise-sensitive categories could increase construction costs between \$3 million and \$4 million annually.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James A. Davenport, Executive Director